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TAGS: EMIN, BL

SUBJECT: LITHIUM IN SALAR DE UYUNI AND VISIT OF USGS PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 141509

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF USGS J. REINEMUND AND G. ERICKSEN
TO LA PAZ JULY 24 - 27.

2. REGIONAL RESOURCES ATTACHE HAS INFORMED GEOBOL AND MINISTRY
OF MINES OF USGS INTEREST IN STUDY OF LITHIUM IN SALAR DE
UYUNI AND BOTH APPEAR INTERESTED IN FURTHER STUDY.

3. MINISTRY HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH GULF RESOURCES RE
EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF LITHIUM AND/OR POTASSIUM IN
SALAR DE UYUNI AND 25 OTHER SALARS TO THE SOUTH. GULF RESOURCES
EXPLORATION TEAM AND NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL ARRIVE LA PAZ IN
EARLY JULY. THEREFORE BELIEVE USGS RESEARCH SHOULD STRESS SCIENTIFIC
ASPECT AND NOT NECESSARILY EMPHASIZE ROLE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION
TO ALLOW GOB TO NEGOTIATE COMPANY CONTRACT FOR EXPLOITATION
OF BRINES (SEE PARA 2 REFTEL) LEST IT LEAD TO COMPLICATIONS
OR DELAY IN GULF RESOURCES - GOB NEGOTIATIONS.

4. GEOBOL/MINISTRY OF MINES APPEAR TO BELIEVE USE OF
\$5000 IN 14 FT 800 ACCOUNT FOR FURTHER STUDY OF ALTIPLANO
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SALARS IS GOOD IDEA.

5. FINANCING OF VISIT OF SHIRLEY RETTIG, ACCORDING TO
GEOBOL WILL BE WORKED OUT DURING VISIT OF REINEMUND AND
ERICKSEN.

6. FERNANDEZ SAID GEOBOL WILL GO AHEAD WITH COLLECTION OF WATER

SAMPLES IN DESAGUADERO ONCE SAMPLING BOTTLES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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